#### **SECTION 5. TRANSACTIONS-IN PROCESS**

- <u>5.1 Receipt of Transactions</u>. The Transactions-In Process is an automated function which enters transactions from one SARSS system to another or from other automated systems (such as ULLS, SAMS, SPBS, etc.). Automated input transactions may be received on diskette, over telephone communication lines, or on tape cartridges. To input transactions from communication lines, the process accesses the Network Router which runs as a background process whenever the system is powered up.
- a. The Transactions-In Process must be run at the SARSS1 file server. Any attempt to run Transactions-In at a workstation will produce a screen listing processes that cannot be performed from a workstation (figure 5.1-1).

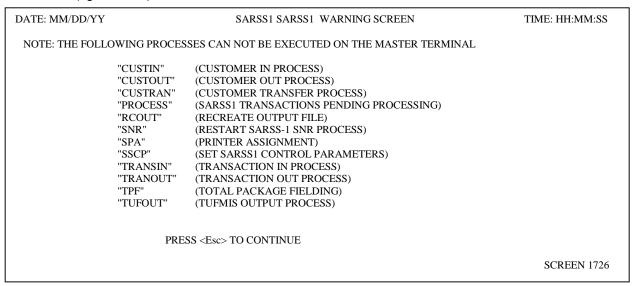


Figure 5.1-1. Media In/Out Note Screen

b. You can run the Transactions-In Process at any time and as many times as needed during the day. You may choose not to process transactions immediately following input. These transactions are then automatically processed during Close-Out (section 12).

c. To access the menu for this process, enter **TRI** on the action line and press <Esc>. The screen in figure 5.1-2 appears.

DATE: MM/DD/YY		SARSS1 TRANSACTIONS-IN MENU	TIME: HH:MM:SS
	COMMAND +++++++	PROCESS +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++	
	TRANSIN	<=== TRANSACTION INPUT FROM: SARSS-1, SARSS-2A, SARSS-2B, OR DAAS	
	CONTRI	<=== TRANSACTION INPUT FROM CONCENTRATOR	
	STS	<=== TRANSACTIONS PENDING PROCESSING (STATS)	
	PROCESS	<=== PROCESS ALL TRANS-IN TRANSACTIONS	
	TPF	<=== INPUT AND PROCESS TPF TRANSACTIONS	
	CUSTIN	<=== INPUT FROM CUSTOMERS (ULLS, SAMS, SPBS)	
	ACAT	<=== ANNUAL CATALOG DOWNLOAD (AJRC1A)	
ACTION: <home>=HELP</home>		ENTER COMMAND TO SELECT YOUR PROCESS U = PREVIOUS MENU; SMM = SARSS MASTER MENU;	SCREEN 0004 LOGOUT = QUIT

Figure 5.1-2. SARSS1 Transactions-In Menu

- <u>5.1.1 Transactions Received on Diskette</u>. You may receive input transactions from other SARSS activities or supported automated customers on diskette. Input these transactions using either the TRANSIN or CUSTIN Process selection, depending on the source of the diskette.
- a. Diskettes from other SARSS activities (SARSS1, SARSS2A, and SARSS2AC/B) are identified by the Source RIC on the diskette label. Input these diskettes using the **TRANSIN** command.
- b. Diskettes from automated customers (ULLS, SAMS, or SPBS activities) are identified by the DODAAC on the diskette label. Input these diskettes using the **CUSTIN** command.

NOTE: Currently, customer diskettes can also be input using the TRANSIN command.

- <u>5.1.2 Diskettes from Other SARSS Activities (TRANSIN)</u>. Diskettes received from other SARSS activities will be in MS-DOS format when routed to SARSS1 by SARSS2AC/B. Read these diskettes into the system using the TRANSIN Process selection.
- a. Enter **TRANSIN** on the action line and press <Esc>. The screen (figure 5.1-3) displays a prompt to mount a 3.5" diskette and press <Enter> to process.

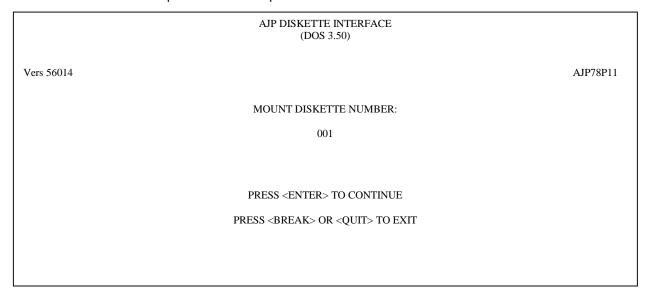


Figure 5.1-3. Mount Diskette Screen (3.5")

- b. When receiving two or more diskettes from any one activity, be sure to check the batch number and diskette number on the diskette label. Batch numbers must be input sequentially starting with the lowest batch number. You must process diskettes within the same batch in sequence, with the lowest number first, before inputting the next batch number. Insert the appropriate diskette and press <Enter>. After you press <Enter>, the system displays a screen with file header information. The system also displays a working message indicating that it is reading incoming transactions into the system.
- c. The system sorts the transactions by DIC and routes them to the appropriate SARSS1 Transactions Pending Processing Files.

d. Numerous types of system errors may be encountered while performing the Transactions-In Process. One example is a sequence check error, the result of entering a diskette out of sequence. When these errors occur, the system displays an error message (figure 5.1-4). For details concerning types of errors and required corrective actions, refer to section 18.

DATE: MM/DD/YY		SNR	ERROR H	ANDLING		TIME: HH:MM:SS
	SOURCE WAA		DESTI	NATION. W	/AD	
	FILEID AJRC1D		CMS	C		
SOURCE FILE SPEC: [SYS] <snr>AWB&gt;073 DESTINATION FILE [SYS]<sarss1>FILES</sarss1></snr>	3190043255 SPEC:	SPT CTR TC	STAMP STATUS. COMMEN	0731900930 . E NT SEQ CK	006 GREATER CURREN	VT
1	ERROR SITUATION:			R GREATE UMBER IS:		UENCE NUMBER
<f: Qu  Me</f: 	it/ Re-Try	<f5> Cancel Entry</f5>	<f6> Skip Entry</f6>	<f7> Accept Entry</f7>		SCREEN 1701 <home> Help/ Info</home>

Figure 5.1-4. SNR Error Handling - Sequence Check Screen

e. When the diskette data has been moved into temporary hold files, the screen prompts you to remove the diskette (figure 5.1-5). Return the diskette to its protective jacket and place it in a safe, dry area in accordance with your local SOP. Press <Enter> and the system returns to the Mount Diskette screen. Continue with this process until all diskettes from other SARSS activities have been input. After you are certain that all diskettes have been input, press <Ctrl> <C> to exit this part of the Transactions-In Process.

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REMOVE DISKETTE:

CURRENT LABEL INFORMATION

SRC RIC : SAR DEST RIC : AIR

FILE ID : AJQ091 DISK : 001

DATE/TIME : DD/DD/YY/HH:MM: BATCH : 00002

PRESS < RETURN > TO CONTINUE

Figure 5.1-5. Remove Diskette Screen

f. The system rechecks the communication queue in case a file came over the communications line while the diskettes were being input.

g. There may be times when SARSS1 is unable to place input transactions into the Transactions Pending Processing Files because something is wrong with the format of the transaction. When this happens, the system creates an error listing of the transactions not processed (figure 5.1-6) and immediately sends it to the printer.

	Bad Data file. These transactions were NOT processed.						
AE1	21005000178806	EA00002WTUTRA90391002R	02	BB	AA	SAR	SARAIRS9031
AE1	5306004080048	EA00001WTUTRA91500001R	02	BB	AA	SAR	SARAIRS9150
AE1	5306004080048	EA00001WTUTRA91500002R	03	BB	AA	SAR	SARAIRS9150

Figure 5.1-6. Transactions-In Error List

- (1) When the listing is created as a result of diskette input, forward the diskette and error listing to the originator, who can correct the data and resubmit the diskette.
- (2) If the listing was created by data transmitted through communications, write the date of receipt, batch number, and file ID on the listing. Forward the listing to the originator of the transmission and request the data be re-sent.
- h. Upon completion of this process, you may immediately process these transactions by using the PROCESS command (discussed later in this section) or process them at a later time. Any transactions remaining in the SARSS1 Transactions Pending Processing Files will process automatically during Close-Out.

- **5.2 Diskettes from Automated Customers (CUSTIN)**. Diskettes received from ULLS, SAMS, or SPBS automated customers should be read into the system using the **CUSTIN** command.
- a. To access this process from the SARSS1 Transactions-In Menu, enter **CUSTIN** on the action line and press <Esc>. The SARSS1 Media In/Out screen appears briefly followed by the screen in figure 5.2-1.

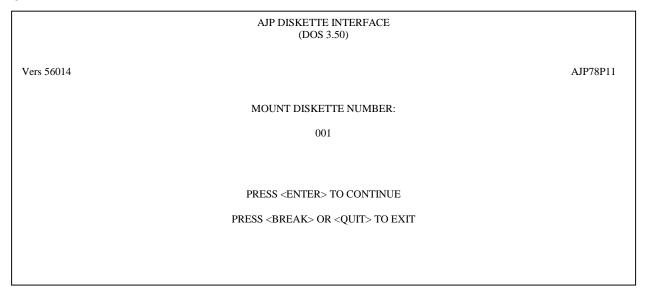


Figure 5.2-1. Mount Diskette Screen

- b. Insert an ULLS, SAMS, or SPBS input diskette and press <Enter>.
- c. The screen displays a message, "Checking the diskette," and then another message, "Reading label information." If the diskette has a valid DODAAC and MS-DOS format, the system reads the transactions from the diskette and places them in the appropriate hold files.

d. The system then displays the screen in figure 5.2-2, showing label information for the diskette. Press <Enter>. The Mount Diskette screen reappears. Continue processing diskettes until there are no more diskettes, then press <Ctrl> <C>. The Media In Processing screen appears, followed by the SARSS1 Transactions-In Menu.

AJP DISKETTE INTERFACE (DOS 3.50)

Vers 56014

REMOVE DISKETTE:

CURRENT LABEL INFORMATION

SRC RIC : WTUTRA DEST RIC : W4MAIN

FILE ID : AWACE2 DISK : 001

DATE/TIME : DD/DD/YY/HH:MM: BATCH : 0000

PRESS < RETURN > TO CONTINUE

Figure 5.2-2. Remove Diskette Screen

- **5.3** Transactions Input From Communications. You may also receive transactions over telephone lines from other SARSS activities or automated customers. These transactions enter the system through the SARSS1 computer communications applications and stay in the Network Router Queue until read into the system by the Transactions-In Process. To input transactions to SARSS1 that have been received through communication lines, follow these procedures:
- a. Check the communication queues periodically during the day (before running Transactions-In) to find out if any transmissions have been received from other SARSS activities or automated customers.

(1) To check the communication queues, enter **SNRMON** on the action line and press <Esc>. The screen in figure 5.3-1 appears. To identify those transmissions that have been received, look at the Comment field in the left-hand column on the screen. For incoming transmissions, a data received message will appear.

DATE: MM/DD/YY	SARSS1 SNR QUEUE MO	TIME: HH:MM:SS	
STATUS	Y AJTS9A WAE AWB  050490130224 X DATA RECEIVED  WAE TO AWB  [sys] <sarss1>FILES&gt;AJTS9A</sarss1>	Y Y C AWB N 0093	
<f3> Quit/  Menu</f3>	<f6> Next  Entry</f6>	 	SCREEN 1710 <home> Help/ Info</home>

Figure 5.3-1. SNR Queue Monitor Screen

(2) Scan the entire queue by pressing the <F6> key until a blank SARSS1 SNR Queue Monitor screen appears displaying the "End Of SNR Queue Entries" message (figure 5.3-2).

DATE: MM/DD/YY	SARSS1 SNR QUEUE MONITOR	TIME: HH:MM:SS
SNR FILE FILE ID SOURCE DESTINATION STATUS DATA: STAMP STATUS COMMENT  REMARKS	TARGET RECEIVE  BACKUP  CMS  TARGET  SEQUENCE CHECK:  INDICATOR  NUMBER	
DESTINATION FILE SPEC.		
	End Of SNR Queue Entries	
<f3> Quit/  Menu</f3>	<f6> Next Entry</f6>	SCREEN 1710 <home> Help/ Info</home>

Figure 5.3-2. End Of SNR Queue Entries Message Screen

(3) If there are no transmissions waiting in the queue, there is no need to perform the Transactions-In Process at this time unless you have diskettes to process.

(4) To exit SNRMON, press the <F3> key. The screen returns to the Queue Monitor Menu in figure 5.3-3.

DATE: MM/DD/YY		SARSS1 QUEUE MONITOR MENU	TIME: HH:MM:SS
	COMMAND +++++++	PROCESS	
	SNRMON	<=== DISPLAY SNR QUEUE ENTRIES	
	PTPMON	<=== DISPLAY POINT TO POINT QUEUE ENTRIES	
	DISKMON	<=== DISPLAY DISKETTE QUEUE ENTRIES	
	CASMON	<=== DISPLAY CAISI-VEE QUEUE ENTRIES	
	FTPMON	<=== DISPLAY FTP QUEUE ENTRIES	
	QOUT	<=== QUERY ALL OUTBOUND ENTRIES IN QUEUES	
ACTION: <home>=HELP</home>		TER COMMAND TO SELECT A PROCESS = PREVIOUS MENU; SMM = SARSS MASTER MENU;	SCREEN 0027 LOGOUT = QUIT

Figure 5.3-3. SARSS1 Queue Monitor Menu

- b. If the "Data Received" message appears in any SNRMON entries, you must read the transactions into SARSS1 for processing.
- (1) Enter **TRANSIN** on the action line and press <Esc>. At this time, the system moves all input transactions received since the last Transactions-In Process was run into input hold files grouped by DIC.

(2) The screen will then prompt you to insert a diskette (figure 5.3-4). If you have diskettes to process, insert a diskette and press <Enter>. When performing the Transactions-In Process for transactions from communications only, press <Ctrl> <C> from this screen.

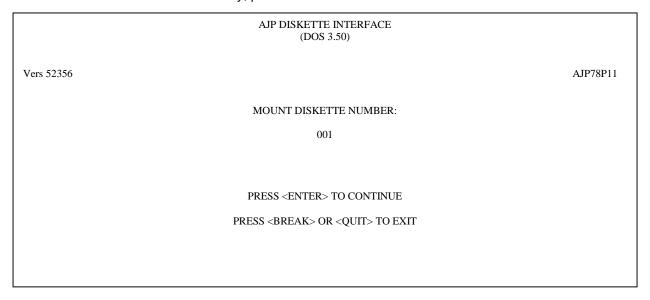


Figure 5.3-4. Mount Diskette Screen

- (3) When you press the <Ctrl> <C> keys, the system moves to the Network Router Queue and begins reading transactions into the Transactions Pending Processing Files.
- (4) If any Network Router error messages are received during processing, refer to section 18 for details concerning the types of errors and required corrective actions.
- (5) After reading the transactions into SARSS1, the system returns to the SARSS1 Transactions-In Menu. You may process these transactions immediately or later in the day. Close-Out automatically processes any transactions remaining in the hold file.
- **5.4 Catalog Download Input ACAT**. Periodic Catalog Downloads may come from SARSS2AC/B on tape cartridge. Read them into SARSS1 using the ACAT command which places them in the appropriate hold files. This Catalog File is based upon corps-wide requirements and will not be tailored to each specific SARSS1 activity. Input catalog records on tape as described below.

a. To access this process from the SARSS1 Transactions-In Menu, enter the **ACAT** command on the action line and press <Esc>. The screen shown in figure 5.4-1 appears.

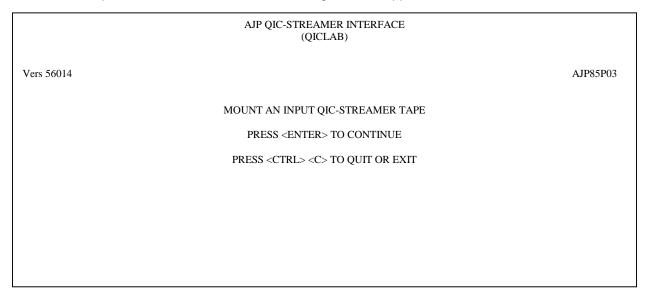


Figure 5.4-1. Processing Message Screen

b. Follow the screen prompt and insert the catalog tape cartridge into the file server and press <Enter>. The screen in figure 5.4-2 appears.

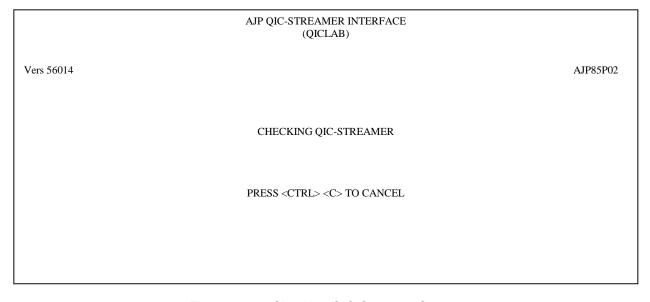


Figure 5.4-2. Checking QIC-Streamer Screen

c. The system reads the catalog transactions from the tape and places them in the appropriate hold file. Follow the screen prompts to complete the catalog Download Process. As with any input

transactions, you may process the catalog records immediately or wait until later. Close-Out will automatically process any catalog transactions present in the hold files.

- <u>5.5 Transactions Pending Processing (STATS)</u>. This process displays the types and total number of transactions awaiting processing.
- a. Enter **STS** on the action line and press <Esc>. The system displays the following screen (figure 5.5-1).

DATE: MM/DD/YY	SARSS1 TI	SARSS1 TRANSACTIONS PENDING PROCESSING			
PROCESS	TOTAL	PROCESS	TOTAL		
ACTIVITY FILE UPDATE ASL UPDATE CANCELLATION CATALOG FOLLOWUP ISSUES LONG PART NO MODIFICATION		PARAMETERSRECEIPTREDISTRIBUTIONREFERRALSSNRF DOWNLOADSNRF UPDATE.STATUSWHOLESALE ISSUES			
INVALID DIC PRESS <f12> FOR HARDCO PRESS <esc> TO RETURN T</esc></f12>	PY.	TRANSACTIONS-OUT	00000		
ACTION: <home>=HELP</home>		ND TO SELECT YOUR PROCESS  MENU; SMM = SARSS MASTER			

Figure 5.5-1. SARSS1 Transactions Pending Processing Screen

- b. To get a hard copy of this screen, press the **<F12>** key.
- c. To exit this screen, either press <Esc> to return to the Transactions-In Menu or enter a valid command on the action line and press <Esc>.

- <u>5.6 Process All Input Transactions (Process)</u>. This procedure allows you to process those transactions input to the hold files during the Transactions-In, Customer-In, or Catalog Download Processes.
- a. Enter **PROCESS** on the action line and press <Esc>. The system displays the SARSS1 Transactions Pending Processing screen.
- b. Press <Esc> to begin processing the displayed transactions. A message appears on the screen (figure 5.6-1) indicating that processing is in progress.

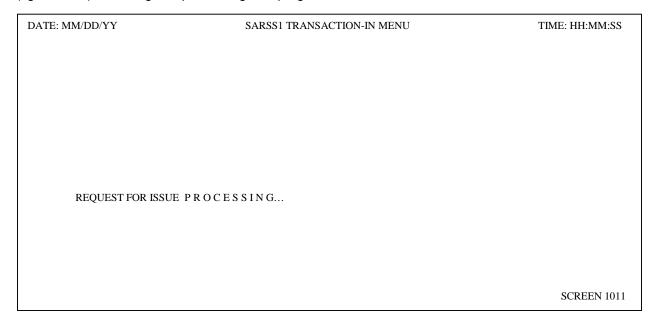


Figure 5.6-1. Screen Message Indicating Processing is in Progress

- c. As processing occurs, the screen displays the names of the processes accessed.
- d. Upon completion, the system displays a "Transactions-In Processing Completed" message and then returns to the Transactions-In Menu. Since transactions can be entered at any time, any transactions input interactively while that program is running are also processed. During Close-Out, the system automatically processes all pending transactions.
- 5.7 Process Total Package Fielding Transactions (TPF). This procedure allows the operator to process total package fielding transactions received from United States Army Materiel Command (AMC). TPF handles the initial provisioning of repair parts when a new weapon system or end item is introduced into the Army. AMC develops a total package that identifies the system or end item and all related repair parts, test equipment, special tools, and publications to support the new equipment. TPF packages will normally consist of the initial stockage of repair parts for the equipment. The document numbers assigned to the items in the package will have AMC document numbers. For identification, the first position of the serial number contains a letter from A to F. The supplementary address contains the DODAAC of the ultimate user, which could be either a unit or a SARSS1 activity. Normally, you will receive TPF transactions on diskette prior to receipt of the actual supplies, but you may receive them

together. In either case, process the diskettes before the receipt transactions whenever possible. If a TPF receipt arrives without a diskette, ensure that the DODAAC in the document number field is on the DODAAF as a Type Unit Code X (wholesale DODAAC). If the DODAAC is not on the DODAAF, it must be added at the SARSS2A or SARSS2AC level. Process the receipt as a wholesale receipt (D6S) not due in. If a TPF fielding occurs and an AMC document number by item is not received, the responsible fielding command (TACOM, CECOM, etc.) must be contacted.

a. To process TPF diskettes, enter **TPF** on the action line and press <Esc>. The screen prompts the operator to enter the TPF File ID, located on the diskette (figure 5.7-1).

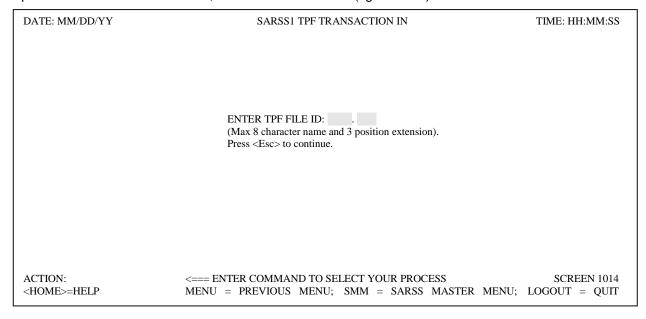


Figure 5.7-1. Insert TPF Diskette Screen

- b. If the file ID is not on the diskette, it will be in the documentation provided by AMC. The file ID can also be determined by executing a DIR command in DOS.
- c. Once the file ID is entered and the <Esc> key is pressed, the system prompts the user to mount the input diskette.
- d. Continue to follow screen prompts until the system displays a screen which shows that the TPF file data is being converted. The process is copying the data on the diskette to the Transactions Pending Processing File. Once that is complete, the diskette may be removed and normal Transactions-In processing occurs. Transactions contained on TPF diskettes do not remain in the Transactions Pending Processing File, but are processed immediately into the SARSS1 Master Files.